

# PATROL NEWS

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# From the Staff ...

Major Hugh E. McKay  
Administrative Services Bureau



On July 10, 2009, the 29 members of the 89th Recruit Class completed their 25 weeks of Academy training and were commissioned as troopers. I extend my congratulations to all the graduates. Their hard work and dedication has not gone unnoticed, and each one of them will fill identified critical vacancies throughout the state. They have now moved to one of the most important phases of their training—working with their field training officer (FTO). Their 25 weeks of Academy training has laid the foundation of knowledge for their jobs. With assistance from their experienced FTO, they now must demonstrate that they can adequately use their training in their day-to-day duties and responsibilities as a road trooper. Once their training is complete, they will be out on their own to begin an exciting and rewarding career that is like no other.

Even after 32 years, I still remember those first few years as a road trooper as being some of the best times of my career. I am sure these new troopers will feel the same way. As their former bureau commander, while they were assigned to the Training Division, I would like to wish all of them a safe, successful, and fulfilling career.

*H. E. McKay*

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## From The MASTERS ...

### *Rosciglione Family Continues Support*

The MASTERS board and members wish to thank the Rosciglione family of St. Charles for their continued support through their 5<sup>th</sup> annual fundraiser in honor of J.P. Rosciglione. J.P., 20, died in a hit and run traffic crash in 2005. This year's fundraiser provided a donation of \$6,640 to The MASTERS, making a total donation in excess of \$40,000 over the past five years. These donations to The MASTERS are made in memory and honor of J.P., and in appreciation of the kindness and dedication of Trooper Eric F. Brown and Sgt. Philip D. Hoffman, both of Troop C, who investigated the traffic crash.

A memorial gift to The MASTERS is a special way to give a gift that helps others. Gifts may be made in memory of a family member or friend, or in honor of a special occasion such as a birthday or wedding anniversary. An announcement of your gift will be sent to the honoree or their family.

## Cover

*This athlete's joy at earning a medal at the 2009 Special Olympics Missouri Summer Games translated into a kiss, which seemed to surprise Sgt. Daniel S. Bracker, Troop D.*

# Elks Honor Ganime, Moore

*By Sgt. Dale H. Moreland, Troop E*

On May 9, 2009, the Poplar Bluff Elks held their annual Law Enforcement Appreciation Banquet at the B.P.O.E. #2452 north of Poplar Bluff, MO. Honored at the annual banquet from the Missouri State Highway Patrol were Trooper Eric J. Ganime and Comm. Oper. III Dawn M. Moore.

The Elks named Tpr. Ganime officer of the year. Tpr. Ganime is a well-rounded officer and works hard in all aspects of the job. He has been assigned numerous extra duties throughout the year, and these assignments are always properly completed and submitted on time. During 2008, he made 28 arrests for driving while intoxicated, 12 felony arrests, 34 misdemeanor and warrant arrests, and 602 total arrests for the year. He issued 1,216 warnings, investigated 68 crashes, and had 74 self-initiated services and 235 reactive services for the year.

Tpr. Ganime is always willing to assist members of the troop and other local law enforcement agencies. He is a valuable asset to the Patrol and to his community.

Tpr. Ganime and his wife, Heather, reside in Poplar Bluff. Heather is a teacher for the Neelyville School District. Tpr. Ganime became a member of the Patrol on January 18, 2004. His first assignment was Troop H, St. Joseph, MO. He is originally from Wayne County and was able to transfer back to Troop E in September 2007, where he was assigned to Zone 2, Butler and Ripley counties.

Comm. Oper. III Dawn M. Moore was recognized for her professionalism and outstanding job performance. She is universally respected, and sets the standard for communications operators. The Elks named her communications operator of the year.

With no previous law enforcement experience, she came to the Patrol in 1998, as a telecommunicator. She is a certified Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials (APCO) instructor and is responsible for the

lion's share of communications training at the troop. She has received numerous written commendations and has been nominated twice for the Highway Patrol's Civilian Employee of the Year. In her somewhat brief career, Comm. Oper. III Moore has worked more than her share of critical incidents, including the Poplar Bluff tornado of 2002, an "officer down" call, a vehicular assault involving an officer being struck, and the armed robbery of a local bank.

A grandmother to three boys, she is excitedly anticipating the birth of her first granddaughter. Describing herself as a "river rat" and enjoying leisure time on the water. Comm. Oper.



*(l or r) Tpr. Eric J. Ganime and Comm. Oper. III Dawn M. Moore display their plaques from the Poplar Bluff Elks Club.*

III Moore and her husband, Jerry, celebrated their 19th wedding anniversary recently.

## Casper Recognized For Lifesaving Action

*By Gaming Division*

On April 20, 2009, a patron was having lunch at the Bougainvillea Cafe when he began to choke on a piece of food. Mrs. Jana Casper came to his aid and performed an abdominal thrust. She cleared the gentleman's airway and then calmly sat back down at her seat. Mrs. Casper had saved the person before emergency help could arrive on the scene. Her actions are an example of individuals going out of their way to extend a needed hand, rather than waiting for someone else to take care of the situation.

*In recognition of Mrs. Jana Casper's timely and unselfish actions, Trooper John M. Kinney (left) and recently retired Sergeant Charles E. Jones (right) presented her with a Missouri State Highway Patrol*



*Certificate of Appreciation. The presentation took place at the Mark Twain Casino in LaGrange, MO, on June 15, 2009.*

# 37 STUDENTS ATTEND ALLIANCE PROGRAM

*Tpr. Bruce A. McLaughlin, Troop F*

Troop F hosted its third Student Alliance Program from March 12 through April 16, 2009. In order to educate the public about the Troop F 2009 Student Alliance Program, Sergeant Paul Reinsch and I traveled to area high schools and colleges and met with guidance counselors/academic advisors. The participants of the program were 22 high school juniors and seniors, and 15 college students selected from nine high schools and four colleges within Troop F. Those selected expressed an interest in the career of law enforcement, especially with the Missouri State Highway Patrol. The program was conducted on six consecutive Thursday evenings.

The first session began in the Safety Education Center's theater at General Headquarters with a welcome by Captain Dale A. Schmidt, Troop F's commanding officer. The students and a reporter from the Jefferson City *News Tribune* viewed the "So You Want To Be A Trooper" video. The participants listened to presentations from representatives of the following Troop F divisions: Communications, Motor Vehicle Inspection, Commercial Vehicle Enforcement, and Driver Examination. The students were allowed to see and handle the equipment carried by troopers while on duty. The evening ended with a tour of the Safety Education Center.

During the next four weeks, the students participated in a variety of activities including observing troopers using radar, riding with instructors during a demonstration on the Emergency Vehicle Operations Course, simulating a vehicle stop and approach, firing the Patrol service weapon, using the FATS machine, a tour of the Patrol's Training Academy, a tour of the Aircraft Division, and participating in a demonstration by a Patrol polygraph examiner. They also viewed presentations concerning crime scene investigation, use of force, search and seizure, homeland security, criminal interdiction, Patrol aircraft enforcement, Patrol canines, pursuits, and SWAT.



*Pictured with the Student Alliance Program attendees are (front row, l to r) Tpr. Bruce A. McLaughlin, Captain Dale A. Schmidt, Sgt. Paul J. Reinsch, Sgt. Michael A. Turner, Corporal Matthew J. Cody, and Sergeant Brandon M. White.*

The final evening of the Troop F 2009 Student Alliance Program began with the students having dinner with the 89th Recruit Class at the Patrol Academy. They returned to the classroom and were joined by their families as all listened to a presentation about driving while intoxicated enforcement. All those present viewed the "How to Save a Life" video and the new recruiting video that will soon be posted on the Internet. Captain Schmidt entertained questions from all in attendance and concluded the evening by presenting each of the 37 students a group photograph taken on the steps of the Missouri State Capitol, a Missouri State Highway Patrol Student Alliance Program T-shirt, and a personalized certificate provided by the Public Information and Education Division.

Overall, the Student Alliance Program attendees indicated they were pleased with the instructors, their presentations, and the class materials. All stated they would recommend the program to other students at their school.

I would like to thank all members and Patrol employees who assisted with the Student Alliance Program. I want to especially thank the following divisions for their assistance: the Human Resources Division, the Aircraft Division, the Training Division, and the Public Information and Education Division.

I also appreciate the efforts of the following Patrol employees, who assist-

ed with the Troop F 2009 Student Alliance Program:

Captain Dale A. Schmidt  
Lieutenant Larry W. Plunkett  
Sergeant Jerry L. Arnold  
Sergeant Matthew J. Broniec  
Sergeant Jason P. Clark  
Sergeant Matthew J. Cody  
Sergeant Rick D. Herndon  
Sergeant Paul D. Kerperin  
Sergeant Jeffrey G. Noack  
Sergeant Bruce L. Reinkemeyer  
Sergeant Paul J. Reinsch  
Sergeant Corey J. Schoeneberg  
Sergeant Roger D. Shikles  
Sergeant David D. Spurgeon  
Sergeant David Striegel  
Sergeant Michael A. Turner  
Sergeant Brandon M. White  
Sergeant Mark A. Wilson  
Sergeant Curtis W. Wirths  
Corporal Donald R. Barbour  
Corporal Jason J. Cluver  
Corporal J. Erik Eidson  
Corporal Michael A. Halford  
Corporal Paul W. Meyers  
Trooper Matthew E. Morice  
Corporal Thomas R. Walley  
Trooper Bruce F. Baker  
Trooper Darrin R. Haslag  
Trooper Bryan H. Salmons  
Asst. Chief Oper. Barbara E. Graham  
CVO Sprv. I Scott M. Suling  
Chief MVI Roger D. Cross  
Chief DE Dena R. Geist  
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# MOBERLY OPTIMISTS RECOGNIZE PORTER

*By Sgt. Brent J. Bernhardt, Troop B*

On Wednesday, May 12, 2009, the Moberly Optimist Club recognized Trooper Carey F. Porter during their annual "Respect for Law" ceremony, which was held at Nelly's Restaurant in Moberly, MO. Each year, the Moberly Optimist Club recognizes officers from the Moberly Police Department, Randolph County Sheriff's Department, Missouri State Highway Patrol, and Moberly Correctional Center for their extra law enforcement efforts in Randolph County. Tpr. Porter, who is assigned to Troop B, Zone 10, Monroe and Randolph counties, was nominated for the award by Sergeant Nicholas D. Berry. During the past year, Tpr. Porter made 833 arrests (which includes work in 29 criminal cases), issued 1,434 warnings, investigated 43 traffic crashes, responded to 456 other calls for service, and recovered \$21,640 in stolen property. Lieutenant Sidney W. Conklin, Q/DDCC, served as the guest speaker at the event, and assisted with the presentation of plaques.



*Tpr. Carey F. Porter displays a plaque given to him by the Moberly Optimist Club.*

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## CRID Technician Earns Prestigious Award

*By Fingerprint Tech. Sprv. Holly A. Haarmann, Q/CRID*

On May 22, 2009, Latent Tech. I Rebecca L. "Becky" Kliethermes, Q/CRID, received the MorphoTrak AFIS User's Group General Award for her contribution and dedication to the law enforcement community and the field of identification. The MorphoTrak AFIS User's Group is a national group that meets annually and is currently chaired by Captain Timothy P. McGrail, Q/CRID. Each year at the annual meeting, awards are presented to those who have made an impact in the field of identification.

Upon being nominated by her supervisor, Senior CJIS Manager Carla J. Doll, the MorphoTrak AFIS User's Group Awards Committee selected Becky to receive the one and only General Award for the year as a result of reviewing her impressive statistics for 2008. During 2008, Becky updated the latent side of the Missouri State High-

way Patrol Certification Training Program, and presented this program at multiple locations to over 100 Missouri state AFIS users. She also entered 813 cases and validated 1,931 cases, which resulted in 325 latent identifications. Becky also went the extra mile and re-launched cold cases that existed prior to the system's upgrade to MetaMorpho. The results of her extra effort and going above and beyond resulted in the clearing of 46 cold cases.

Becky has been instrumental in keeping the state of Missouri proficient in policy and procedures for latent submissions to the FBI. During 2008, she submitted 27 latent cases to the FBI, which resulted in two identifications. She serves as a liaison for all latent inquiries from our nine latent remote sites, and consistently adjusts her own schedule, including weekends and holidays, in order to accommo-



*Rebecca L. "Becky" Kliethermes*

date homicide investigations and assist other law enforcement agencies with urgent cases. Becky is a true asset to her science, to our division, and to the Highway Patrol. Congratulations, Becky!

# LU Students Explore Patrol Career Options

**By Lt. Roger D. Whittler, Q/HRD**

April 22, 2009, was a very special day, a day of reflection on the past, and of vision toward the future. Lincoln University has long maintained a strong relationship with the Patrol. I first attended Lincoln University in 1981, as a freshman criminal justice student, and later as a graduate student. While attending Lincoln, many current and future troopers were classmates. On this cool, spring Wednesday in April, I met with several Lincoln University criminal justice students as they arrived to visit the Patrol's General Headquarters. General Headquarters was busy as always: The students arrived at 10:30 a.m., and the Trooper Selection Process written testing had begun at 8 a.m.

The student's day started in the Public Information and Education Division, in the Safety Education Center's theater. I gave a presentation on the Trooper Selection Process, and a description of the duties performed by troopers. Personnel Analyst II Amanda L. Farley gave a presentation on civilian careers within the Patrol. The students appeared to be excited about the Patrol, and they asked several questions (which in my experience indicates they were genuinely interested in Patrol careers). After the presentations, the students, instructors, and Patrol Human Resources Division staff had lunch at the Academy. The students continued to ask questions during lunch, and had the opportunity to see the 89th Recruit Class, as the class filed into the cafeteria. Several students seemed particularly impressed by the Patrol recruits, and the prospect of becoming a trooper themselves.

Following lunch, the Lincoln University Students observed the Trooper Selection Process' fitness for duty assessment, and some of the students tried their hand at the trigger pull

*Lincoln University Students watch as a student attempts the "trigger pull", which is one of many evaluations in the trooper selection process.*



event. Needless to say, the day was a success, and I enjoyed the opportunity to recruit Lincoln University criminal justice students. The prospect for future recruiting at Lincoln University is very good, as Captain Sandra K. Karsten, Q/HRD, is an adjunct professor of criminal justice, and retired Captain Terry W. Moore is a full-time

associate professor at Lincoln. The next step is to build a Student Alliance Program with the students at Lincoln, and continue the long-standing relationship the Patrol and Lincoln University have maintained over the years. It is these types of relationships that will help shape the future of the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

## CITY OF GLADSTONE SALUTES SGT. GREEN

**By Troop A**

On Tuesday, May 26, the city of Gladstone honored Sgt. Daniel W. Green for his years of service to the state of Missouri and the city of Gladstone. Mayor Carol Rudi read a proclamation in front of a crowded city council meeting highlighting Sgt. Green's career with the Highway Patrol and his dedication to the citizens of this great state and to the city of Gladstone. Sgt. Green accepted a plaque, and was the honoree at a small reception at the police department. It should also be noted that this is the first time in the history of Gladstone that the city has honored someone from outside their police department. Sgt. Green retired from the Missouri State Highway Patrol on Monday, June 1, 2009, after 29 years of service. (See page 24.)

*Sgt. Daniel W. Green holds a proclamation he accepted from Gladstone Mayor Carol Rudi (right).*



# Spotlight

## CVO II Jason L. Gregory



**Appointed:** May 10, 2003.

**First Assignment:** E-2-North Scale House, Troop E.

**Current Assignment:** G-1-West Scale House, Troop G.

**Family:** Jason married Sherry Lynn Bristol, of Van Buren, MO, on December 31, 1999. They have been blessed with one daughter, five-year-old Emily Lynn.

**Interests:** Jason is an avid sportsman, but his favorite of all of those endeavors is duck hunting. He is the current area chairman for Duck's Unlimited in West Plains, MO. Along with his interest in ducks, he loves to deer hunt, golf, and play softball. He will tell you that his family comes first, and sharing time with them is his number one priority.

Jason is a third generation employee of the Patrol, having four family members who have worked in commercial motor vehicle enforcement and as CVOs. The Gregory family has distinguished themselves with over a century of service to the state of Missouri.

## Clerk Typist III Shena R. Brown



**Appointed:** March 18, 2007.

**First/Current Assignment:** Clerk Typist III, Troop G.

**Family:** Shena, while attending Missouri State University, was introduced by a college friend to a nice young soldier, who was stationed in Kentucky. They were fixed up on a blind date—and that is where she met her husband. She said they became fast friends and loved to talk to each other. The talking developed into a marriage proposal some time later and she married Troop G Trooper Travis L. Brown, who is assigned to Zone 1, Mountain Grove, in December 1995, at the Cabool First Baptist Church. She says they have been talking ever since.

**Interests:** Shena's big interest is horseback riding. Her quarter horse, whose pet name is "Rowdy", is on paper as "Midnight's Done It". In her spare time, she loves to cycle, and walk her golden retriever, Mollie. She also has a cat named "Kittie". When not caring for her animals she loves to work in her flower garden, growing exotic Japanese lillies. Shena loves to shop for shoes, saying, "The shoe buying is sort of a family trait." [I guess you could say her family has a lot of sole.] When all else fails and she has the time, Travis and Shena are avid golfers and love to

hit the fairways for some fun and fresh air!

Shena was born in Springfield, MO, and raised in Gainesville, MO, where she attended school until graduation. Prior to the appointment to her job with the Missouri State Highway Patrol, she worked in the financial sector as a sub prime lender. She has made a wonderful addition to the Troop G family, and we are very glad to have her and Travis with us.

## CVO II Dennis S. Kelley



**Appointment:** October 1, 1992.

**First Assignment:** Scale House H-4 in Watson, MO.

**Promotions:** CVO II – 1997.

**Current assignment:** 1515 portable scale truck, Troop H.

**Family:** Dennis and his wife, Janet, have one daughter, Katie. Katie and her husband, Ryan, live in Lee's Summit.

**Interests:** Dennis enjoys hunting, fishing, ATV riding, and other outdoor activities. Dennis also spends time with his family. He comes from a large family, growing up with six brothers and sisters. Dennis also has 22 nieces and nephews, so family time is a big event.

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# Spotlight

## — Kelley

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Dennis was born in Atchison, KS, and moved to Missouri, where he attended De Kalb High School. In 1984, Dennis became a Buchanan County deputy sheriff. In 1985, he moved to the Atchison County Sheriff's Department before accepting employment with the Andrew County Sheriff's Department. Dennis worked as a deputy until he was hired by the Patrol in 1992.

# Missouri House Honors Duppong

*By Sgt. Brent J. Bernhardt, Troop B*

During the Troop B sergeants' meeting held on Tuesday, June 9, 2009, State Representative Brian Munzlinger (District 1) presented a resolution from the Missouri House of Representatives to Trooper Clinton M. Duppong. The resolution honored Tpr. Duppong for receiving the 2008 The MASTERS Public Service Award. Tpr. Duppong received the award at the Patrol's 19th Annual Awards and The MASTERS Banquet held on April 18, 2009. Tpr. Duppong, who serves as a commercial motor vehicle enforcement trooper in Troop B, was nominated for his community involvement.



*Tpr. Clinton M. Duppong accepts a Missouri House of Representatives resolution from Rep. Brian Munzlinger.*

## What Can You Get for \$100 Nowadays?

*By MVI III Charles G. McMillan, Troop D*

If you were in the right place at the right time, like a customer I had recently, you could have purchased a 2007 Clubcar-Ingersol Rand Carryall 295 utility vehicle for \$100!

A customer, I'll call him John Q, spent the morning at garage and yard sales. At one yard sale, a man with a tattoo of a marijuana plant on his shoulder came in with this utility vehicle and asked if anyone was interested in buying it. John Q. laughed and said that he had \$100, to which tattoo man said, "I'll take it".

John Q. put the utility vehicle on his trailer and started home with it when he started thinking (should have thought before he plunked down his \$100). Anyway, he thought he better take it to the Highway Patrol and see how he could get a title for his new purchase. I inspected the vehicle and

ran the serial number in MULES, and it was NOT reported as stolen. I then found an 800 number on a tag for the manufacturer and called them, where I found out the vehicle was sold to a distributor in Georgia. The distributor said they sold it to a golf cart dealer in Springfield, MO. The dealer sold it to Missouri State University. A quick call to them revealed the \$10,500 vehicle had indeed been stolen from them.

Sometimes you just can't take things at face value. What can you get for \$100? Maybe more than you bargained for!



*MVI III Charles McMillan gives a thumbs up for another mystery solved! Turns out, this mystery wasn't as good a garage sale deal as the buyer originally thought!*

# Laves Named DPS Employee Of The Month

By Public Info. Spec. III Cheryl D. Cobb, Q/PIED

The Department of Public Safety honored Accountant II Karen Laves, Q/DDCC, by designating her June 2009 DPS Employee of the Month. Accountant II Laves was selected for this award in an effort to recognize the specialized technical assistance she provides to officers investigating financial crimes. During 2008, Accountant II Laves assisted the division's criminal investigators in 23 of their financial cases.

"I appreciate this. I hope all of you have a job you love as much as I do," said Accountant II Laves after the presentation, "The Patrol is wonderful support and a family to me."



Colonel James F. Keathley presents the June 2009 DPS Employee Of The Month Award to Accountant II Karen Laves, Q/DDCC.

## 'Looking Beyond the Stop'

The following officers are to be commended for looking beyond the initial stop. Each of these officers made at least one felony arrest during the period of April 1, 2009 through June 22, 2009. (Editor's Note: This column excludes DWI arrests, warrant arrests, and "plain sight" situations. Keep in mind that there must be information under the "miscellaneous" section of the radio report to be considered for this column.)

### Troop A

Tpr. C.G. Dunfee, 1 arrest  
Cpl. K.M. Fisher, 1 arrest  
Cpl. B.E. Kelley, 1 arrest  
Sgt. B.A. Kumpf, 1 arrest  
Cpl. R.B. McGinnis, 2 arrests  
Tpr. J.P. Millsap, 2 arrests  
Tpr. D.W. Scotten, 2 arrests

### Troop B

Sgt. G.K. Leftwich, 1 arrest  
Cpl. B.A. Mason, 1 arrest  
Cpl. R.B. Skaggs, 1 arrest

### Troop C

Tpr. J.P. Coleman, 1 arrest  
Tpr. T.S. Croft, 2 arrests  
Tpr. C.T. Davies, 1 arrest  
Cpl. S.M. Kaden, 1 arrest  
Tpr. P.C. Long, 1 arrest  
Cpl. W.B. Sevier, 2 arrests

### Troop D

Cpl. T.L. Hall, 3 arrests  
Tpr. C.A. Heil, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.L. Mason, 1 arrest  
Cpl. J.T. Vermillion, 1 arrest

### Troop E

Sgt. B.L. Adams, 1 arrest  
Tpr. D.W. Crank, 2 arrests  
Tpr. E.J. Ganime, 1 arrest  
Tpr. C.D. Hamlett, 1 arrest  
Cpl. D.M. McDaniel, 2 arrests  
Tpr. J.S. Stewart, 4 arrests  
Sgt. J.M. Weadon, 1 arrest

### Troop F

Cpl. M.G. Broniec, 2 arrests  
Tpr. B.A. McLaughlin, 1 arrest  
Tpr. M.E. Morice, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.D. Oughton, 1 arrest  
Tpr. D.R. Powell, 2 arrests  
Tpr. R.S. Thompson, 2 arrests  
Tpr. C.A. Winter, 1 arrest

### Troop G

Tpr. S.W. Cunningham, 1 arrest  
Sgt. K.A. Jones, 1 arrest  
Tpr. D.B. Pounds, 1 arrest

### Troop H

Sgt. L.M. Allen, 3 arrests  
Cpl. M.R. Heits, 1 arrest  
Tpr. B.R. Hilliard, 2 arrests  
Tpr. J.R. Johnston, 1 arrest  
Tpr. A.G. McAtee, 2 arrests  
Sgt. S.P. Skoglund, 1 arrest  
Tpr. M.L. Starmer, 1 arrest  
Sgt. M.A. Wilhoit, 3 arrests

### Troop I

Sgt. B.G. Arnold, 1 arrest  
Cpl. G.A. DuBois, 1 arrest  
Cpl. J.J. Whitt, 1 arrest

# Missouri Remembers Its Heroes

*By Public Info. Spec. III Cheryl D. Cobb, Q/PIED*

Each May, families, friends, and coworkers gather at the Missouri Law Enforcement Memorial on the grounds of Missouri's Capitol. The traditions of the service remind us of the heroes lost, but also provide a respectful tribute. We remember the sacrifice our 27 heroes made, but, more importantly, we honor the kind of men they were.

Multiple departments come together for this special memorial service. Each department escorts the surviving families of those from their department. This year, Patrol members were honored to escort representatives of the Linegar, Webster, Kimberling, May, Poynter, Graham, Tatoian, Sampietro, and Floyd families.



*Mrs. Cheryl Floyd, surviving spouse of Tpr. D. Kevin Floyd, KOD 2005, is escorted by Lt. Mark G. Inman and Cpl. Curtis R. Haden, of Troop G.*



*Captain Lee Ann H. Kenley, Troop I's commanding officer, and Cpl. R. Brooks McGinnis, Troop A, served as escorts to the family of Tpr. Michael L. Newton, KOD 2003. Michael's parents, retired Building and Grounds Maintenance Supervisor Garry J. and Mrs. Bobbie Newton, watch as Michael's son, Tyler, adds a flower to the wreath.*

*Trooper J. Michael Linegar salutes the memory of his father, Trooper Jimmie E. Linegar, KOD 1985, as his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Huey B. Linegar, take part in the Missouri Law Enforcement Memorial ceremony.*



# Promotions and Reclassifications



Darewin L. Clardy  
Lieutenant  
Troop F



Mark S. Dochterman  
Lieutenant  
Q/PSD



Matthew J. Broniec  
Sergeant  
Troop F



Justin L. McCullough  
Sergeant  
Troop I



Donald R. Tyes  
Sergeant  
Troop H



Brandon M. White  
Sergeant  
Troop F



Mark DeGraffenreid  
Corporal  
Troop A



Allen R. Flannery  
Corporal  
Troop C



Justin S. Johnson  
Corporal  
Troop H



Leonard S. Reed  
Corporal  
Q/GD



Russell W. Shaul  
Corporal  
Troop A



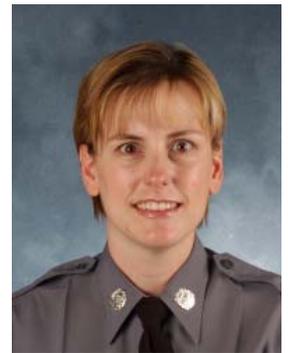
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Q/GD



Jeremy L. Weadon  
Corporal  
Q/DDCC



James S. Adkins  
Chief Technician  
Q/CommD



Lori K. Bielawski  
Asst. Chief Oper.  
Troop C

# Promotions and Reclassifications



Katrina D. Gregg  
Asst. Chief Oper.  
Troop D



Timothy J. Meyer  
Asst. Chief Oper.  
Troop E



Bruce G. Smith  
Asst. Chief Oper.  
Troop G



Laurie C. Wall  
Asst. Chief Oper.  
Troop H



Michael D. Weiseman  
Asst. Chief Oper.  
Troop B



Karen M. Olejniczak  
Comm. Oper. II  
Troop C



Thomas B. Smith  
Comm. Oper. II  
Troop C



Russell H. Toler Jr.  
Comm. Oper. II  
Troop C



Amanda L. Asbridge  
Housekeeper III  
Troop C



Bradley J. Carr  
CIT III  
Q/ISD



Randy G. Cobb  
Chief CVO  
Troop E



Pamela M. Cooseman  
DE III  
Troop C



Leigh A. Falter  
Fiscal & Budg. Analyst  
III  
Q/TND



Jonna R. Farley  
Personnel Records  
Clerk II  
Q/HRD



Adam J. Feltrop  
Auto. Tech. III  
Q/MED

# Promotions and Reclassifications



Michael L. Forbis  
CIT II  
Q/ISD



Maria A. Furey  
Clerk Typist III  
Q/CRID



Derin M. Holterman  
Auto. Tech. III  
Q/MED



Yvette R. Ivie  
DE III  
Troop D



Regan D. Lee  
Criminalist II  
Q/CLD



Cody W. McLain  
DE II  
Troop A



Matthew S. Messick  
Criminalist III  
Q/CLD



Judy R. Morrison  
Lab. Evid. Tech. II  
Q/CLD



Jeffrey E. Rook  
Chief Scale Maint.  
Tech.  
Q/CVE



Carla Siebneck  
Fiscal & Budgetary  
Analyst II  
Q/MED



Jeffrey R. Sims  
CVO Sprv. I  
Troop C



Michelle L. Stegeman  
Traffic Safety Analyst  
III  
Q/TFD



David A. Vandermark  
MVI II  
Troop A



Angela M. Weddington  
DE III  
Troop A

# National Police Week Rewarding, Emotional

*By Capt. Bradley W. Jones, Q/TFD*

National Police Week activities were held the week of May 11, 2009, in Washington, D.C. Captain Timothy G. Baysinger and I had the opportunity to attend the ceremonies, which proved to be both rewarding and emotional. The word “impressive” seems inadequate to sum up my feelings of the entire event, as the presence of hundreds of law enforcement officers in dress uniforms was simply unforgettable.

The Candlelight Vigil, which is always conducted on May 13, was held at the National Law Enforcement Memorial. The memorial consists of two walls with the names of 19,019 fallen officers etched into them. Departments and individuals leave a variety of items at the memorial during police week, the most prevalent being photographs. However, I noticed that this year an electric guitar and several patrol car doors with fallen officers’ names on them were left. The Public Information and Education Division produced laminated cards for each of our fallen officers. Each card displayed the name, photograph, and details of the circumstances of their line-of-duty death. Capt. Baysinger and I placed these cards on the wall near each of our fallen troopers’ names. I have known several of our officers, as well as officers from other departments, whose names are on the wall. Seeing the names of our officers, especially two of my close friends, created some emotional moments for me that I was not expecting.

During the Candlelight Vigil the names of all fallen officers from the previous year were formally dedicated on the memorial. There were 387 names dedicated this year, including 133 who died in 2008, and 254 who died in previous years, but had just been added to the memorial. The candlelight vigil began with the family members of each fallen officer be-

ing transported to the memorial by a bus being escorted by motorcycle officers. The family members were given a rose and escorted by an officer to their seats. U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder was the keynote speaker at the vigil, which was attended by approxi-

event ended with a roll call of officers killed in the line of duty in 2008, and with surviving family members placing a rose in a wreath near the podium. The roll call was done by state. When each state was called, all officers in the crowd from that state stood at attention and saluted until the names of all fallen officers from that state had been read. The wreath was then placed at the National Law Enforcement Memorial in Judiciary Square.

The importance of honoring our officers who made the ultimate sacrifice cannot be overstated. The Patrol’s attendance at the memorial services shows a tradition of honoring not only our officers, but all officers whose names are written on the memorial walls.

*The U.S. Capitol graces the background in this photo of Capt. Brad Jones, Q/TFD, and Capt. Tim Baysinger, Q/RDD.*



mately 20,000 officers, surviving family members, and others. The ceremony was very solemn and supportive to surviving family members and friends. It ended with all participants holding lighted candles while a blue laser, signifying the “thin blue line”, was pointed over the crowd and a roll call of the fallen officers conducted.

The formal memorial ceremony was held on Friday afternoon on the west grounds of the U.S. Capitol. Attorney General Holder was the keynote speaker at this event as well. The



*This photo shows a card made by PIED for Cpl. John A. “Jay” Sampietro, which was placed near his name on the National Law Enforcement Memorial in Washington, D.C.*

# Troop C Holds Special Olympics Torch High

*By Sgt. Julie A. Scerine, Troop C*

On Wednesday, May 27, 2009, Troop C officers participated in the Annual Jeff Ottenad Leg of the Special Olympics Torch Run. This leg of the run starts at the Ameristar Casino and runs west through St. Charles and Warren counties. It was named after Jeff Ottenad, a Special Olympics athlete who died in 2002, after losing his battle with cancer. Running was a very big part of Jeff's life, as he was training for the Spirit of St. Louis Marathon when his cancer was discovered. After his passing, the St. Charles "leg" of the Torch Run was named in his honor, and is attended annually by his parents and his brothers, John and Jason. Every year, Jason takes part in the run in honor of his brother, by leading the runners out of the Ameristar Casino.

This year, the 12 runners representing Troop C took the torch from the Wentzville Police Department runners and continued 14.5 miles to Warrenton. Sergeant William D. "Bill" Choate participated in the south run on U.S. Highway 67, and ran 10 miles



*Troop C's Torch Run participants included (back row, l to r) Sgt. Julie A. Scerine, Trooper Jared W. Servais, Trooper Mark D. Albright, Trooper Joseph D. Flynn, Trooper Andrew D. Gadberry, Trooper Wilson S. Lieske, Trooper David C. Dinges, Lt. John M. Enderle; (front row, l to r) Mrs. Erica Linegar (Tpr. J. Michael Linegar's wife), Trooper J. Michael Linegar, Trooper Paul C. Long, and Ms. Allison Enderle (daughter of Lt. John M. Enderle).*

with officers from other local agencies. This was the most runners representing Troop C and the longest distance covered by one agency in the area.

Congrats and thank you to all of the runners who participated in not only the "Jeff Ottenad Leg", but all of

the other legs of the Torch Run. Your participation helps make the Flame of Hope burn bright for our Special Olympics athletes.

## Tip Leads To Stolen Vehicle

*By MVI III Charles G. Mc Millan, Troop D*

I received an anonymous tip concerning a 1967 Chevy II, Super Sport. The caller said he knew this vehicle was stolen. I told Sergeant Daniel F. Nash, Q/DDCC, about the conversation, and that the vehicle was at a car dealer's lot on South Campbell in Springfield. He asked Corporal Shane R. Monk, Troop D, to see if he could find the vehicle.

Cpl. Monk located the vehicle and called me from the car lot. He said the rivets didn't look right and there were scratches all around the vehicle identification number (VIN) plate. I asked him to have the owner

bring the vehicle to Troop D Headquarters for further investigation.

I looked at the VIN plate and found the rosette rivets were smashed and there were scratches on the plate and in the paint on the car. The owner had a title that matched the VIN plate. I didn't feel right about the rivets or the scratches, so I decided to find the hidden confidential number. If the hidden number matched the plate ... the owner was probably OK.

The hidden number revealed the vehicle's true identity—it was, in fact, a 1966 Chevy II, Super Sport, and had been stolen three years ago. The auto dealer that traded for this vehicle, un-



*MVI III Charles McMillan stands near a stolen vehicle he helped to recover.*

fortunately, is out of luck. I asked him what he gave for the '67, and he said he traded five vehicles totaling around ... \$25,000.

Ouch!

# SOMO: Courage To Try

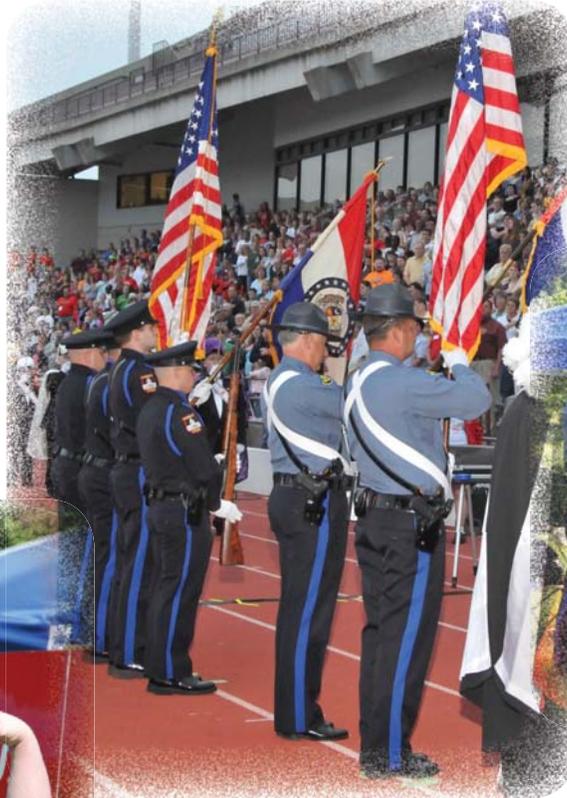
*By Public Info. Spec. III Cheryl D. Cobb, Q/PIED*

Every year, athletes from across Missouri gather to compete in our state's Special Olympics Summer Games. This year was no different. Competition abounds, but so does friendship. The faces of the athletes show how they feel about reuniting with friends who are competing or volunteers organizing the events. For some Olympians, this is their only opportunity to be around police officers. Law enforcement agencies send representatives to help present medals and to help make Special Olympics Missouri's state competition a success. Have a look at a few pictures from this year's Summer Games.

*Several law enforcement agencies attended Special Olympics to show support for the athletes. Here, three departments, including the Patrol's Troop D, present their flags during the opening ceremony.*



*Troop D motorcycle officers led the way to the Missouri State University stadium in Springfield for the opening ceremony of Missouri Special Olympics Summer Games.*



*Sgt. Jason M. Pace, Troop D, presents a medal to a Special Olympian.*



*A Special Olympian power lifter (Stephanie) flexes in triumph after winning a silver medal.*

*Cpl. Edwin A. "Eddie" Blaylock, Troop C, smiles with pride as Special Olympics power lifting champions gather around him. Eddie serves as a power lifting coach for the lifters in Jefferson County. He was recently selected to serve as the power lifting coach for the 2010 national games.*



# Troop C Ladies Serve With Green Thumbs

By Sgt. Julie A. Scerine, Troop C

To “Serve and Protect” is something we hear often, but enforcement is what comes to mind when we think of this. The serving part of that phrase is something a group of women from the Troop C area took to a different level. On Saturday, May 23, 2009, several of the women of Troop C went a step beyond to assist those less fortunate. They took a rainy day, on a holiday weekend, and brightened the faces of a few people in the St. Louis Area.

“Creative Concepts for Living” is a not-for-profit organization based out of the St. Louis area that assists and houses disabled adults. Many of the clients are wheelchair bound and have some form of mental or physical disability. Many of the clients are confined to their group homes and are assisted by caregivers in the home. These group homes are staffed with caregivers, 24/7, who tend to the



*Pictured are Sgt. Julie A. Scerine, Tpr. Kimberly D. Roady, Tpr. Elyse J. Ruckenbrod, DE Supervisor Ethyl E. Endsworth, our new friend Lois, Tpr. Rhonda M. Shanika, and Admin. Ofc. Support Asst. Sherry L. Carter. (Not pictured is Tpr. Elizabeth A. Lusk.)*

needs of the clients who reside there. Caring for the clients is a job which completely consumes the time of the caregiver.

Needless to say, the exterior of the homes is often neglected, and the flower beds are often overgrown with weeds and unattended bushes and vines. Seven women from Troop C donated their Saturday, which started

out as a very wet and rainy morning, clearing debris, trimming bushes and trees, planting flowers, and mulching the newly beautified flower beds. As the weeds were replaced with beautiful flowering plants, shrubs, and bushes the clients' faces lit up with huge smiles.

## MSHP Takes Third In USEOW Competition

By Lt. John J. Hotz, Q/PIED

The 2009 Uniformed Safety Education Officers' Workshop (USEOW) was held in Jackson Hole, WY, on June 6-9. Three public information officers attended the conference representing the Missouri State Highway Patrol. We competed with eight other states in the areas of presentations and public service announcements (PSA). The Patrol's presentation addressed common myths about seat belt usage. We took third place in this part of the competition. Our public service announcement dealt with road rage, and also took third place. The PSA was filmed at the Patrol's EVOC track in Jefferson City. The idea came from Sgt. Al P. Nothum, Troop C, who worked



*(l to r) Lt. Troy McLees, Wyoming Highway Patrol, presented the awards to Sgt. Al P. Nothum, Troop C, Lt. John J. Hotz, Q/PIED, and Sgt. Jason P. Clark, Q/DDCC.*

with Jeff Bassinson and Andy Richmond from the Training Division's Audio Visual Section. Jeff and Andy were able to transfer his idea onto film. The PSA takes a humorous look at what can happen when two drivers engage in road rage behavior on the highway. Sgt. Keith Lichay and Andy portrayed

the characters in our video. Sgt. Jason P. Clark, Q/DDCC, borrowed vehicles for us to use in the video from Riley Chevrolet in Jefferson City.

Be sure to visit our website and view the PSA (button on the right side). This is the second PSA produced completely by the Patrol. We hope to continue producing video PSAs in response to concerns expressed by Patrol employees and the public.

# Young Men Gather To Form Boys State

By Sgt. Scott E. Meyer, Troop A

Nine hundred and eighty-eight high school juniors descended on the campus of the University of Central Missouri in Warrensburg for the 70th Session of the American Legion Boys State of Missouri on June 12, 2009. Boys State is a citizenship and leadership training program that teaches the basic principles of Missouri government and its judicial system. These young men spent a week building city and county governments, and an entire state government. They also were able to interact and develop lifelong friendships with other outstanding young men from all four corners of the state.

Boy State citizens were given the opportunity to hear from several excellent keynote speakers during their week in Warrensburg. The list of keynote speakers included: Missouri Governor Jay Nixon, Congressman Roy Blunt, Congressman Scott Murphy, U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals Judge Duane Benton, Missouri Secretary of State Robin Carnahan, and White House Fellow and Navy Seal Commander Eric Greitens.

Sergeants Mike Watson, Jason Pace, Bruce W. Houston, Jeffrey G. Noack, and P.R. "Andy" Davis from Troop A's SWAT Team, Corporal Brooks McGinnis and K-9 Puki, and I instructed approximately 220 citizens of Boys State in a law enforcement block during their week. These young men were exposed to topics such as the history of the Missouri State Highway Patrol, search and seizure, criminal interdiction, crime scene investigation, and safe driving programs. During the history block, the citizens were given a special honor when they were able to hear from retired Lt. Colonel Ralph G. Biele and Lieutenant I. David Smith, Troop A. Lt. Col. Biele and Lt. Smith were able to share their experiences as Missouri state troopers, and discuss how different the Highway Patrol is today compared to when they started their careers.



*Pictured left to right are: Colonel Patrick Powers, and Troopers Gregory Ulm, Mitchel Hazelwood, Justin Yarnell, David Brown, Riley Neal, and Corey Morgan. (Lt. Col. Jose Pagan was not available at the time the picture was taken.)*

Sergeants Mike Watson, Jason Pace, and I interviewed 48 young men who applied to become Missouri State Highway Patrol troopers during their week at Warrensburg. Eight men were selected, and from those eight, a colonel and lieutenant colonel was appointed. The colonel of the Missouri State Highway Patrol was Patrick Powers, from O'Fallon; lieutenant colonel was Jose Pagan, from St. Charles; and troopers were Corey Morgan, from Poplar Bluff; Gregory Ulm, from Dexter; Justin Yarnell, from Marshfield; Mitchel Hazelwood, from Jackson; Riley Neal, from Warsaw; and David Brown, from Herculaneum.

These eight men earned a reputation for working hard and arresting criminals. Just like the real Highway Patrol, they were not liked at times! The colonel found himself in a civil lawsuit. (The Missouri Boys State Supreme Court cleared Colonel Powers of any wrongdoing.) These young men represented our organization with honor and integrity.

It is hoped all who attended Boys State had a positive experience, and one they will remember for the rest of their lives.

## MSHP

### Did You Know?

There were just over 1,225 vehicles in operation within the Patrol fleet last year. These vehicles traveled 25,777,243 miles in 2008.



*Central Missouri law enforcement agencies provided officers and vehicles to create a PSA about the High Enforcement Action Teams (HEAT) this summer.*

The Missouri State Highway Patrol is working with law enforcement agencies across Missouri on High Enforcement Action Teams (HEAT) from July 1 through September 7, 2009. These teams will be working together to reduce the number of fatal and inju-

ry traffic crashes in Missouri, through awareness and enforcement. Each of us can make a difference. Each of us can make our highways safer by taking the job of driving seriously.

“The Highway Patrol is pleased to be part of the Missouri Coalition for

Roadway Safety and to work toward making our highways safer for every driver,” said Lt. Col. Richard L. Coffey, assistant superintendent of the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

So, when you’re on the road this summer, remember: The HEAT Is On.



*Treytan Preston*  
Mr. Byran R. and Info. Analyst II  
Melissa B. Oliver  
Q/DDCC

*Kennedy June*  
Comm. Oper. I Matthew F. and Mrs.  
Jessica M. Becker  
Troop C

*Landry Patton*  
Cpl. Bradley D. and Mrs. Alexis D.  
Holman  
Troop B

*Tylan Edward*  
Tpr. Jarrod S. and Mrs. Brandy L.  
Thomas  
Troop C

*Megan Elyse*  
Tpr. Adam M. & Mrs. Kristin D.  
Kinney  
Troop B

*Jackson Paul*  
Mr. Paul P. and CITS I Jessica L.  
Moyer  
Q/ISD

*Addison Corinne*  
Tpr. Tyler D. and Mrs. Tiffini R.  
Stewart  
Troop I

*Nathaniel Jeff*  
Sgt. Casey A. and Mrs. Maggie L.  
Jadwin  
Q/DDCC

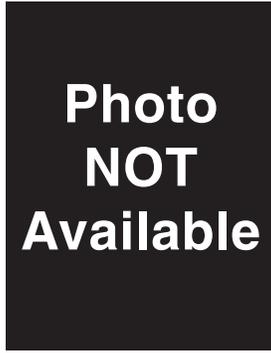
# New Employees



Sarah D. McIlrath  
Prob. Comm. Oper.  
Troop H



Cassidy M. Sinden  
Prob. Comm. Oper.  
Troop I



Jamie L. Eichholz  
Clerk Typist I  
Troop C



Lyndsey M. Fountain  
Clerk Typist I  
Troop C



H. Kate Hopkins  
Clerk Typist I  
Q/HRD



Rachel H. Lovelace  
Criminalist I  
Q/CLD



Patricia M. Phelps  
Clerk IV  
Q/DE



Mary A. Redel  
Clerk Typist III  
Q/MVI



Elizabeth A. Robinson  
Cook III  
Q/TND

|  <b>TRAFFIC FATALITIES</b> |  |                                      |                               |                               |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Year to Date<br>June 7,<br>2009  | Same Period<br>Last Year<br>Year to Date | Number of<br>Increase or<br>Decrease | 2007<br>Traffic<br>Fatalities | 2008<br>Traffic<br>Fatalities |
| 331  | 392                                      | -61                                  | 992                           | 960                           |

Note: These totals do not include late deaths.

# Young Ladies Enjoy Successful Week At Girls State

By Sgt. Paul J. Reinsch, Troop F

For a week in June, 766 young ladies came to the University of Central Missouri to form a new state. Traditionally referred to as Girls State, these young people created a functioning government for the seven days they were together. Each participant chooses an area of study and can select a city, county, or statewide office. If they decide not to be an elected official, they can become a trooper and enforce the law or be a citizen of Girls State. The seven counties are divided into 21 cities, each of which has two troopers tasked with keeping order.

This year was my 10th year serving as the law enforcement instructor. Throughout the week we cover topics such as the history of women in law enforcement, search and seizure, personal safety, and drugs. We enjoyed a visit from Cpl. R. Brooks McGinnis and his partner, K-9 Puki, from Troop A. Tpr. Mindy M. Lambeth, Troop A, taught the history of women in law enforcement course, and Lt. Kathy A. Frazier, Q/TND, was our search and seizure instructor. Sgt. Scott E. Meyer, Troop A, brought a convincer to Girls State on Thursday evening. (Thursday evening is the Girls State "state fair".) The convincer truly makes an impression on everyone who experiences it. Tpr. Bruce A. McLaughlin, Troop F, gave a recruiting presentation early in the week. I want to thank each of them for their contribution to this week. Also, big thanks to the recruiting section of the Human Resources Division, which provided our Girls State troopers with uniform shirts (T-shirts).

Dorothy A. "Dottie" Taylor, Q/DDCC, served as the other instructor. I have appreciated Dottie's assistance over the past eight years. Her personal stories bring real life to this mythical week. When Dottie shares her experience of losing her 17-year-old daughter in a traffic crash, it really hits home with these young ladies. Her professionalism and dedication is an inspiration for all of the Girls State attendees, but especially for those who

might be considering a law enforcement career. Thank you, Dottie!

On Friday, Dottie and I presented the "How To Save A Life" program to all 766 young ladies and the staff at Girls State. This program made them think, and many were affected by its message. We asked them to help us make contact with their schools and set up similar programs.

It is amazing that you can gather 766 young ladies each year and have such diverse experiences every time. (It can be a little unsettling to be the only man in the room with this many women.) This year's group seemed very mature and approached the week with a business like attitude.



(front row, center) Sgt. Paul J. Reinsch, Troop F, is pictured with the Girls State Highway Patrol.

## A ROLLOVER MAKEOVER



Troop F's newly painted rollover sports some extra pizzazz these days. Employees from Al West Chrysler Collision Center in Rolla, MO, spruced up the rollover. From l to r are Jason Parsons, Scott Hines, Ryan Hatcher, and Randy Clayton. Great job, guys!

# Capt. Schmidt Honored For Outstanding Service

The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution awarded its Law Enforcement Commendation Medal to Captain Dale A. Schmidt, Troop F, at its 119th annual Missouri convention. Capt. Schmidt is a member of the Missouri Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. The Law Enforcement Commendation Medal was created to recognize persons who have served with distinction and devotion, making contributions which exceed requirements and expectations of their job descriptions. Medals and certificates are presented to deserving individuals with law enforcement agencies or those professions associated with law enforcement.

Throughout the history of his career, Troop F's commanding officer, Capt. Schmidt, has served the citizens of Missouri faithfully and is a worthy recipient of the award authorized by the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.



*Capt. Dale A. Schmidt, Troop F*

## Anniversaries

### August

*30 years*

Tech. Support Mgr. Ruth A. Niblack, Q/ISD

*25 years*

Tech. Support Mgr. Jeffrey N. Myers, Q/ISD  
DE Sprv. Lisa D. Swafford, Troop F  
Staff Artist II Yvonne D. Cook, Q/PIED

*20 years*

Chief Oper. Rocky L. Ponder, Q/CommD  
DE III Myra J. Ripple, Troop D  
Asst. Chief Oper. Bruce G. Smith, Troop G  
Fiscal & Budg. Analyst III Beverly A. Knoll, Q/CRID

*15 years*

Info. Analyst II Karen C. Burge, Q/DDCC  
MVI III Llona C. Hance, Troop I  
DE Sprv. Teresa L. Oliver, Troop H

*10 years*

DE Sprv. Tumica L. Cosey-O'Hara, Troop C  
Comm. Oper. II Lori K. Gardner, Troop B

MVI III Kerry N. Klein, Troop H  
DE III Izella L. Simpson, Troop C  
CDL Exam. Marilyn J. Thompson, Troop E

Comm. Oper. II Russel A. Windle, Troop D

*5 years*

DE Sprv. Melvin D. Rupard, Troop F  
CIT III Travis L. Grant, Q/ISD  
CDL Exam. Aud. Gaye A. Derousse, Troop C  
Clerk Typist III Jamie L. Maddux, Troop I  
DE III Kenneth W. King, Troop C

### September

*40 years*

Account Clerk III Dianne P. Stricker, Troop C

*35 years*

DE Sprv. Thomas E. Hickman, Troop C

*30 years*

CVO II Charles S. Brown, Troop H

*25 years*

Criminalist III Nicholas W. Gerhardt, Q/CLD  
Clerk IV Brenda L. Starke, Q/TFD

*20 years*

Exam. Mon. Barbara A. Huber, Troop C

*15 years*

Asst. Director D. Russell Dunwiddie, Q/TFD  
Asst. Chief Tech. Michael A. Hall, Q/CommD  
Quality Control Clerk II Doris A. Boes, Q/TFD

*10 years*

Telecom. Jean A. Burns, Troop E  
Telecom. Debra K. Curry, Troop A  
Comm. Oper. II Ila R. Duvall, Troop A

*5 years*

DE III Kathie A. Ryun, Troop A  
Cook III Sharon C. Gentges, Q/TND  
CITS I Jeanne V. Livers, Q/ISD  
DE III Linda A. Bradley, Troop D  
Criminalist III J. Robert Burgio, Q/CLD  
Criminalist III Jackie M. Johnson, Q/CLD  
Criminalist III Amanda R. Neely, Q/CLD

# Retirements

## Sgt. Daniel W. Green



On June 1, 2009, Sergeant Daniel W. "Dan" Green retired as a member of the Missouri State Highway Patrol after more than 29 years of service.

Dan began his career on January 1, 1980, as a member of the 51st Recruit Class, at the Patrol's Law Enforcement Academy in Jefferson City. He was one of three, second-generation troopers in the class. Upon graduating from the Academy, he was assigned to Troop A, Zone 6, in Liberty, and worked Clay County.

"I was probably assigned to Clay County, because when our class was tested on the counties and county seats of Missouri, the only one I missed was the square with Liberty as the county seat," Dan said. "I could not for the life of me remember that Liberty was in Clay County. Someone probably thought the best way for me to remember this important fact was to send me there!"

On May 1, 1994, Dan was promoted to corporal in Clay County and was designated the assistant zone commander. On February 1, 1995, he transferred to the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) program and served as a D.A.R.E. mentor where he helped train numerous officers from Missouri and surrounding states in the methodology of the D.A.R.E. program. He taught the D.A.R.E. program at North Platte Middle School for eight years, at Or-

rick Middle School for seven years, at Lawson Middle School for four years, and Hardin Central Middle School for two years. He evaluated numerous D.A.R.E. officers in the Troop A region as they taught the program in the field. On June 1, 1997, Dan was promoted to sergeant and remained assigned to the D.A.R.E. program until the Patrol ended their participation in the program in December 2002.

Dan transferred to Zone 2, Platte County, in February 2003. He then transferred to Zone 3, Clay County, in March 2005. In July 2005, Dan transferred to Troop A Headquarters and was designated as a public information and education officer for the troop. It is from this position that he retires.

Dan was born in Jefferson City, MO, while his father, Sterling L. Green, was in recruit training in 1955. He graduated from Montgomery County R-II High School in 1973. After high school, he attended Lincoln University in Jefferson City, MO, from September 1973 to May 1974, on a basketball scholarship. He transferred to Central Methodist College in Fayette, MO, in September 1974, and graduated with a bachelor's of science degree in education in May 1977. Dan taught physical education and driver education classes, and coached junior high sports in the Keytesville R-3 School District from July 1977 to December 1979.

Dan and Susan were married in October 1984. They have two children, Daniel John Green (who resides in North Kansas City, MO, with his wife, Beena) and Kerry Elizabeth Green, who is a senior at Park University.

The Missouri State Highway Patrol has always been a part of Dan's life. As stated earlier, Dan was born while his father was in recruit training. They were first stationed in Jefferson City, and then moved to Hannibal, Brookfield, Memphis, Montgomery City, and finally back to Jefferson City. Sgt. Sterling L. Green was the first person on the Patrol to be assigned the badge number 333. Dan acquired

badge number 333 after his father passed away on October 14, 1982. (Sgt. S.L. Green was the field-training officer for Tpr. Jesse Jenkins who died in the line of duty on October 14, 1969).

"Being the son of a trooper in a small town was a way of life. I felt like I was constantly living under a microscope," Dan said. "Everyone in town knew that I was the son of a trooper and I was always mindful of the fact that anything I did would not only be a reflection of my family, but also the Highway Patrol. I have so many memories of the Patrol in my early years: Dad's 1959 Dodge; sitting around the kitchen table listening to Dad and other troopers telling stories of their adventures while drinking coffee; not being allowed to talk on the telephone, because you never knew when someone would call the house to report a traffic crash; the Lincoln University riot; Dad going to the MU football games; and the day Tpr. Jenkins died, just to name a few."

During his career with the Patrol, Dan has been assigned to numerous MU football and presidential details. "Early on I learned to be careful about what you volunteer for," he said. "An inter-office came out asking for volunteers for the MU football detail. I had worked the detail for several years and rather than just writing "no," I wrote, 'Hell, no.' You guessed it, I had the good fortune of working the football detail, again!"

Dan was assigned to the FBI's first Violent Gang Task Force in the Kansas City area from May 1993 to April 1994. He was a sniper on Troop A's SWAT team for five years. During the Alis Ben John's manhunt in Warsaw, MO, he was assigned as the public information officer to deal with the media in the days prior to the capture of Alis Ben John.

Dan has been involved also in numerous notable arrests and seizures during his career. For example: In the late 1980s, he seized 40 gallons of PCP from two subjects he had stopped on Interstate 70 for no license plates. He

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arrested two subjects just minutes after they committed an armed robbery in Clay County. He also recovered approximately 400 pounds of silver that had been reported stolen in Iowa. Dan arrested three subjects involved with cashing forged checks all across the United States, and he was involved in a pursuit in Platte County in which a passenger fired shots at his vehicle.

"When I was first assigned to Clay County, I looked at a map and saw how much of Kansas City was in Clay County and I thought to myself, "Oh s\*#! What have I gotten myself into? Thanks to my FTO, Sgt. Larry Williams, and everyone else that I've had the pleasure of working with, my assignment to Troop A was the best thing that could have happened to me," Dan said. "I will miss assisting motorists stranded along the highway, and assisting local agencies with looking for the "bad guys". But, most of all, I will miss everyone associated with law enforcement. The two things I won't miss – working crashes in the snow and death notifications!"

Dan's hobbies include playing his 12-string guitar, gardening, woodworking, and spending time with his family. Everyone at Troop A wishes Dan and Susan nothing but the best in his retirement. Dan, we'll miss you!

## August

- August 12** • **State Fair** detail begins.
- August 17** • **Cpl. J.A. Sampietro Jr.** died in 2005.
- August 24** • **State Fair** detail ends.

## Sgt. L.D. Jefferson Jr.



After 29 years of dedicated service to the citizens of Missouri, Sergeant L.D. "Denny" Jefferson Jr. retired June 1, 2009.

Sgt. Jefferson's story began with his birth in St. Joseph. His father, L.D. Jefferson Sr., was a trooper in that area. (He retired as sergeant in 1984.)

After graduating from Gallatin R-5 High School in 1970, Denny continued learning. He attended Union College in Lincoln, NE; Missouri Western State University in St. Joseph, MO; and the Region 19 Law Enforcement Academy in St. Joseph, MO.

From January 1972 to January 1976, Denny served on active duty with the U.S. Air Force Air National Guard, stationed at Rosecrans Field, in St. Joseph. He then became a police officer with the St. Joseph, MO, Police Department.

Denny followed in his father's footsteps in 1980, when he became a member of the 51st Recruit Class on January 1. Upon graduating May 30, 1980, he was first assigned to Troop A, Zone 8, Johnson and Pettis counties. He was promoted to corporal and assigned to Troop A, Zone 13, Pettis County in July 1989. In August 1995, Denny was promoted to sergeant and assigned to Troop A, Zone 12, Johnson County. In 1999, he was assigned to the Gaming Division, and in 2001, Denny returned to Troop A, Zone 12, Johnson County. It is from that position that he retires.

Over the years, he has taken part in a number of special assignments: security details for Presidents Ronald Reagan, George H.W. Bush, Bill Clinton, and George W. Bush; Missouri governor's inauguration detail; Pope Paul security detail in St. Louis, MO; security detail for the Soviet Union's (former) Premier Mikhail Gorbachev; security detail for U.S. Secretary of Navy Donald C. Winter; several state fairs; and various flood and tornado security details.

He has collected a lot of memories over his 29 years. "Having my father, Sgt. L.D. Jefferson Sr., present me with my commission at graduation," ranked top of the list. Denny said receiving his dad's badge and equipment upon his dad's retirement; numerous Rural Major Case Squad investigations; participating in the Police Olympics in St. Louis and Kansas City; working with the ATF, DEA, U.S. Secret Service, and Soviet Union's KGB Protection Service; gaming agent training in Las Vegas, NV; and numerous, notable manhunts and car chases also come to mind.

Denny has been recognized over the years by the Knob Noster, MO, Jaycees (law enforcement officer of the year twice), the Sedalia, MO, Rotary (Highway Patrol trooper of the year twice), and MOSTA member of the year.

When he isn't working, Denny is quite active in his community. He serves as committee chairman for Boy Scout Troop 513, in Warrensburg, MO; risk management chairman for BSA's Lone Bear District; and is a past member of the St. Joseph, MO, Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge #3; Warrensburg, MO, Early Morning Optimist Club, and the American Legion.

Denny is married to Bobbie J. (Emerson), and they have two children: Chelsea E. (Jefferson) Edwards and Brian C. Jefferson.

Congratulations to the Jefferson family! May your retirement be long and healthy!

# Retirements

## Sgt. Charles E. "Charlie" Jones



Sergeant Charles E. "Charlie" Jones retired on June 1, 2009, after 34½ years of dedicated service.

Charlie was born in Dalton, NE. He was raised in Brookfield, MO, and graduated from Brookfield High School. While in high school, Charlie lettered in football, basketball, and track. After graduation, he attended Central Methodist College in Fayette, MO, and Hannibal-La Grange College in Hannibal, MO. He received a bachelor's of science degree in criminal justice administration from Hannibal-La Grange College.

Prior to joining the Missouri State Highway Patrol, he worked for the Missouri Department of Transportation.

He was accepted to the Missouri State Highway Patrol, and began training on January 1, 1975, as a member of the 44th Recruit Class. After graduating from the Law Enforcement Academy, he was stationed at Troop B, Macon. He was assigned to the Hannibal Zone, which serves Marion and Ralls counties. He was the first African-American trooper assigned to Troop B, which serves 16 counties in Northeast Missouri.

He was promoted to corporal on June 1, 1989, and designated assistant zone commander of Zone 7, which serves Knox and Lewis counties. Charlie was promoted to sergeant on Oc-

tober 1, 1994, and designated zone commander of Zone 7. He transferred to the Gaming Division on May 1, 2001, and was designated boat supervisor of the Mark Twain Casino in September 2003, where he remained until his retirement.

During his career with the Missouri State Highway Patrol, he was assigned to several Missouri State Fairs, Missouri football details, and the John David Brown manhunt. He had the opportunity to attend the National Traffic Management Institute at the University of Central Missouri. He also attended an advance Child Abuse Investigative Training in Seattle, WA, in 1999.

During his tenure with the Patrol, Charlie was an avid recruiter, and is probably responsible for steering many toward a career with the Patrol. (I know some reading this are nodding affirmative.) He enjoyed working with officers from all local, state, and federal agencies. He will miss working with individuals he has become acquainted with over the years. During his years on the road, he felt the various shifts were always a mystery, because you never knew what was going to happen from day to day.

Charlie's immediate plans are to relax with Kathy, his wife of 32 years, and attend his daughter's activities be-

fore starting on the very long "honey-do list". He is very community minded, as evidenced by his position of deacon at the Helping Hands Missionary Baptist Church in Hannibal for the last 24 years. Charlie, the citizens of Missouri are losing one-of-a-kind due to your retirement, but you have earned that privilege. You will be missed.

## Cpl. Gary L. Zink



Corporal Gary L. Zink retired on August 1, 2009, after 29 years of service with the Missouri State Highway Patrol. Cpl. Zink began his career on July 1, 1980, as a member of the 53rd Recruit Class at the Highway Patrol Law Enforcement Academy in Jefferson City. Upon graduating from the

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## *Congratulations On Your Retirement!*

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## Mary A. Meisel

CIT Spec. II  
Q/ISD

27 years of dedicated service.

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## — Zink

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Academy, Gary was stationed in Troop D, working Vernon and Barton counties. Cpl. Zink transferred to Zone 8 (now Zone 12) in Johnson County, Troop A, in July 1983. Gary was promoted to the rank of corporal in 1993.

Gary served in many capacities with the Highway Patrol while working in Troop A. He was on the Troop A's SERT, Major Case Squad, Marijuana Eradication Team, and the Ronald Reagan presidential detail.

Gary was born in Brownsville, Texas, and graduated from Knob Noster High School in 1967. Gary worked for Servomation Vending Services, Parkhurst Manufacturing, Grandstaff Roofing, and Finance Industry prior to joining the Highway Patrol. He has memberships with the Royal Oaks Golf Course and the Knob Noster Christian Church. Gary is married to Kathleen Ann Clayton, and together they have two children: Shanon Murphy and Shawn Zink. Gary and Kathleen also have six grandchildren.

"In the mid '80s I stopped a female for speeding. During the process of making two trips to her door, including one with a ticket in hand, I received several minutes of severe tongue-lashings from the irate lady. [This was well before verbal judo]," said Gary. "I calmly handed her the well-deserved ticket and said, 'Lady, just one more ticket and I get a free trip to Hawaii,' and walked away. I thought it was pretty funny at the time. I don't think that quite five minutes had elapsed when I got a call from Troop A Radio requesting that I call Lt. Harold Batmer. Lt. Batmer repeated my comment from the lady and said, 'Did you really say that.' I told him about the tongue-lashing that I had received. He said, 'That probably wasn't the best thing you could have said,' as he laughed uncontrollably. 'Oh well, I told her I would chastise you, so consider yourself chastised, have a nice day.'"

"I had a grand total of seven months on the road when I was involved in a shooting incident where I shot someone in self-defense," said Gary. "Without going into all the details, I will just tell you that I summoned my zone sergeant to the scene. When he arrived, I gave him all the details I could muster with my vast experience. He looked straight at me, said, 'Looks like you have everything under control,' and left. I remember walking into my house at the end of my shift and telling my wife I had just shot someone. When she asked if I was in trouble, I said, 'I don't know if I am or not.' I went back to work the next day on a shift by myself with no automatic days off, no counseling, no peer support, no nothing. Two weeks later I got a report from the Firearms Review Board that my shooting was justifiable. That was it. Boy, have times ever changed."

"I am sure that anyone that has worked the road for as many years as I have had any number of close calls with death. Here is one of my most notable: In January 2008, I had a car stopped on westbound U.S. Highway 50, and was in the process of bending over to give the violator his citation. It was broad daylight with visibility of over a half mile and on flat ground. I had the new visi-bar activated. I heard noise from the rumble strip and suddenly saw debris coming at me from my right eye. Just then a car struck my patrol car, knocking it forward where it struck the violators car. At impact the westbound car struck the left rear corner of my patrol car. As it started skidding to the left, it actually rotated around my left knee, and skidded to a stop in the middle of the highway. My car was totaled, the speeder's car was damaged, and the westbound car was totaled. I had mud from the guys' front bumper on the knee of my pants, but I never received so much as a bruise or cut. If I had been standing anywhere but exactly where I was, I would not be here today. I surely had a guardian

angel on my shoulder that day," said Gary.

"In October 2008, my patrol car was struck while sitting at a stoplight, at about 45 miles per hour, by a lady that was high on drugs. I will take this memory into retirement, since I still have a herniated disc in my neck to deal with."

"One of the proudest days in my life was when I first put on my brand new Missouri [State] Highway Patrol uniform and when I wear the uniform for the last time I will be equally proud. I have been blessed to be part of such a great organization. I look forward to spending time with my family on the holidays, birthdays, etc., that I have missed over the years, and will be playing more golf, if that is possible. God bless you all," Gary said.

## Chief CVO Bill G. Britton



After nearly 30 years of dedicated service to the state of Missouri, Chief Commercial Vehicle Officer Bill G. Britton retired from the Missouri State Highway Patrol on May 1, 2009.

Bill was born in Sikeston, MO, and graduated from Bell City High School in 1968. He married his wife, Louise, on June 7, 1975. He graduated from Three Rivers Community College in Poplar Bluff, Missouri, in 1971, receiving an associate's of arts degree. He was em-

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ployed by Southwestern Bell Telephone in 1971-72, and then moved to Ft. Scott, KS, to help start a Pentecostal church, where he served as an associate pastor before coming to work for the Patrol.

On September 1, 1979, Bill began his career with the Patrol as a Commercial Vehicle Inspector I at Scale House E-1-South. He was promoted to Inspector II and III while assigned there. On July 1, 1992, Bill was promoted to Supervisor 1 at Scale House E-2-North. In August 2002, Bill transferred to the portable scale truck working the east side of Troop E. In March 2006, Bill was promoted to chief commercial motor vehicle officer, and held that position until his retirement.

Bill was the first CVO in Troop E to find a load of drugs. In January 2001, he found the largest load seized in Troop E—4,694 pounds of marijuana. Bill was the first of three officers to be motor coach certified in the state, and the first in Troop E to be level six certified. Bill was in the first police photography school offered to commercial vehicle officers and was in the first Spanish class offered to law enforcement. Bill has always enjoyed and been involved in the area of public relations as much as possible.

Bill and Louise have two grown children, Michael and David, and one grand-daughter, Kaelyn Marie, who is 18 months old. Bill plans on spending a lot more time with Kaelyn, as well as making a trip to England with David. David has served in the United States Navy for the last six years, so this will be a great time for father and son to be together. Bill also plans to spend some time fishing and traveling.

Troop E employees thank Bill for his dedicated service and wish him the very best in a long and happy retirement. Good luck, Bill, your smiling face will be missed!

## DE Sprv. Gary R. Lane



Driver Examiner Supervisor Gary R. Lane, Troop I, retired on July 1, 2009, after 19 years of dedicated service.

Gary was hired as a driver examiner for Troop I on June 27, 1990. Gary was promoted to Driver Examiner II on April 1, 1991, and then to Driver Examiner III on October 1, 1995. On January 1, 2001, Gary was then promoted to the position of driver examiner supervisor.

Gary was born in St. Louis, but grew up in Newburg, MO, from where he graduated high school in 1965. Following his graduation, he married his high school sweetheart, Donna (Smith). Gary and Donna have raised four children—Kevin, Kelly, Cassandra, and Wayne—and are now enjoying their seven grandchildren. Gary stated that he and Donna are excited over the prospects of soon having an eighth grandchild to add to the list.

Prior to becoming a driver examiner, Gary was a union electrician for 25 years. Gary has also had the distinction of serving as a minister for the past 32 years. He is particularly proud that for the past 20 years he has had the privilege and pleasure to serve as the pastor of Vichy Community Church in Vichy, MO.

As Gary looks toward retirement, he hopes to be able to dedicate more time to his church duties. Other things on Gary's list, besides the customary

honey-dos, is working with his son-in-law, Jerry Jurgensmeyer, as they buy and "flip" homes for re-sale. Gary says he also hopes to be able to enjoy retirement by riding horses and spending at least a little time fishing.

When asked about some of his most memorable moments, he stated he would never forget some of the traffic crashes he has been in while giving driver's tests. Gary said he is very much looking forward to the "golden years" of life, but has enjoyed his time as a driver examiner at Troop I, and the opportunity to work with some very fine individuals.

## Asst. Chief Oper. Dawnda J. Pentlin



Assistant Chief Operator Dawnda J. Pentlin retired effective August 1, 2009, after 28 1/2 years in the Communications Division of the Highway Patrol.

Dawnda was hired on February 1, 1981, as a probationary operator assigned to Troop A, Lee's Summit. She transferred to Troop H, St. Joseph, in 1990. Dawnda was promoted to assistant chief operator and trainer in 1991. She transferred back to Troop A in 1992, and remained there until her retirement.

Dawnda has been part of several special assignments, including: MULES, APCO, and MONENA con-

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ferences, State Fair detail in 1987, instructing APCO basic communications training classes, weapons of mass destruction classes, speaking at a Women In Law Enforcement Seminar on, "All Stressed Up and No One to Choke", and talking at a fifth grade D.A.R.E. graduation to over 400 students and parents.

Dawnda J. Pentlin was born on January 11, 1954, in Kansas City, MO. She graduated from Belton High School in 1972. Dawnda studied two years of pre-med and worked for CNA at Research Hospital and Kuhlman Die Casting before being hired by the Highway Patrol.

Dawnda is married to John Pentlin and they have six children: Melanie (37), Brandi (35), Chad (34), Taylor (16), Marissa (15), and Jonathon (12). They also have seven grandchildren.

The Platte City mayor declared a special day "Dawnda Pentlin MULES Trainer Day". Dawnda is the treasurer of MOAPCO and a member of the Grandview Nazarene Church.

Below are some memories in Dawnda's own words:

"Since I was the first female radio operator at Troop A, I have lots of memories (most of which I can not share). My first radio traffic was answering "724" [then-Trooper Greg Mason, who is now a retired lieutenant]. He called several times and I answered him every time. Finally, he asked, "Lee's Summit, is that you?" I replied "10-3". His next response was, "Well, freak me out." I answered, "Me, too," and the rest is history."

"I have made lasting friendships and some that have been friends and gone. Most of my memories are good.

However, my heart hurts for the 17 officers who lost their lives and the injury of several others I have experienced over my career. The Patrol has been part of my family (dysfunctional as it is) for 28+ years, and now is the time for me to move along. I do not want to be defined by my "job", but it is hard not to be. I have served the Patrol with honor and pride, and will continue to look at the Patrol as my profession of a lifetime. My Patrol family has supported me through many trials in my life. I hope that I have had an influence on those who have crossed my path."

Thank you, Dawnda, for your dedicated service to the Highway Patrol. We wish you, John, and the rest of the Pentlin family the very best.

## Patrol Retirees Enjoy Picnic

*By Ret. Sgt. Larry D. Long*

Approximately 101 retired employees of the Missouri State Highway Patrol (uniformed and civilian) gathered at the United Church of Christ, Jefferson City, for a scrumptious meal and an opportunity to visit with friends and buddies. The barbecued pork steaks, prepared by Don Schmitz and John Lewis, were absolutely delicious. Many thanks! Thanks also to the ladies who brought those fantastic desserts, and those helping in the kitchen.

Many smiles and stories were shared, along with hugs, memories, and laughs, and "remember whens". Retirees came from far and near, including St. Louis, Springfield, Macon, Kansas City, Willow Springs, Rolla, and Jefferson City. Ret. Sergeant E. Dan Green came the most miles—from Hawaii! Dan gives tours in Hawaii. He said if any member comes to Hawaii, they should contact him for the best deal on the island. Retired Captain Robert Swackhamer holds the honor of being the most senior member present.

This event has been organized for 15 years. We meet twice a year, in December and May. The next gathering will be December 10, 2009, at noon, for a catered meal of turkey, dressing, and all the trimmings prepared by the Elenor Circle of the UCC. Reservations are required and must be in at least one week in advanced. Just mail that \$9 check for each individual attending to Larry Long, 12479 County Road 4039, Holts Summit, MO 65043.

## September

Sept. 7  
Sept. 14



Sept. 15



Sept. 21



Sept. 22



Labor Day  
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1931.

Tpr. C.P.  
Corbin died  
in 1943.

Tpr. R.J.  
Kolilis died  
in 1988.

Tpr. D.K.  
Floyd died in  
2005.

# Deaths

## Louis P. Rohls



Louis Patrick Rohls died in Casa Grande, AZ, on May 14, 2009. He was 95 years old. Louis was the son of Nora (Mooney) and Ben B. Rohls. He married Isabella Atkinson of California, MO, on May 14, 1944. His death coincided with their 65<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary and their granddaughter's birthday.

Louis graduated from high school in 1935, in Excelsior Springs, MO, and from Chillicothe Business College in 1937. Following graduation from Chillicothe, he was employed in Chicago, IL, by Delta Products, followed by Temple Stephens Stores in Jefferson City and California, MO.

He was appointed to the Missouri State Highway Patrol in 1941, as a member of the 5th Recruit Class. Upon graduating from the Academy, he was assigned to Waynesville, MO. He left the Patrol to serve in the United States Army, Air Forces Unit, during World War II. Following his military service, he returned to the Missouri State Highway Patrol, where he served and protected the citizens of Missouri from 1946 until 1974, when he retired as a sergeant. He was the last surviving member of his Highway Patrol recruit class.

He and Isabella continued living in Eldon, MO, where he enjoyed golf, hunting, dancing, and friends in the Lake Ozark, Eldon, and Jefferson City areas. On November 1, 2000, they moved to Casa Grande, AZ, to be near their daughters' families.

Louis was a member of the Ionia Chapter Masonic Lodge in Eldon, MO; Fraternal Order of the Eagles in Jefferson City, MO; Eldon Golf Club; and was an instructor for the Dale Carnegie Course in Eldon.

Louis is survived by his wife, Isabella; two daughters: Mary Lee Dohrendorf and Virginia (Ginny) Uber; sons-in-law E.R. Uber and Ron Dohrendorf; granddaughters: Amy Dohrendorf, McKenzie Uber, and Allie Uber; and a grandson: Ryan Dohrendorf, all of Chandler, AZ; two sisters, Agnes O'Dell, of Albuquerque, NM, and Marguerite O'Dell, of Sequim, WA.

Memorial services were held on July 2, 2009, at the First Christian Church in Eldon, MO. Memorial contributions are suggested to the First Christian Church, 103 S. Aurora Street, Eldon, MO 65026, or The MAS-TERS (Missouri Association of State Troopers Emergency Relief Society) which assists families of officers killed in the line of duty, and whose address is 5287 Highway 67 North, Poplar Bluff, MO 63901.

## William W. "Bill" Center



William W. Center, 85, of Joplin, MO, passed to his heavenly home at 5:35 a.m., Wednesday, May 20, 2009, at his home following a five-year illness. Bill was born December 23, 1923, in Sawyer, KS. He was raised and educated in Barry County, Missouri, and

came to Joplin in 1992, after living for over 35 years in Aurora, MO.

Bill retired in 1985 as a supervisor with the Troop D Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division of the Missouri State Highway Patrol. He was a member of the College Heights Christian Church. Bill was a 50-year member of the Masonic Lodge, currently a member of the Fellowship Lodge #345 A.F. & A.M. of Joplin, and the Scottish Rite Bodies, Valley of Joplin.

Bill married Maleta "Pat" Bishop on January 24, 1942, in Cassville, MO, and she survives. Additional survivors include two daughters: Barbara Fenske, of Purdy, MO, and Katherine Wilkerson, of Joplin; two brothers: Carl Center, of Eureka, CA, and Joe Center, of LaPine, OR; three sisters: Bonnie Johnson, of Mt. Home, AR, Amanda Carte, of Fayetteville, AR, and Connie Oberlatz, of Ukiah, CA; three grandsons: Michael and Danny Wilkerson, and Jason Gray; and four great-granddaughters: Ashley and Amber Wilkerson, and Christine and Sara Gray. He was preceded in death by four brothers, and two sisters.

Graveside services were held at the Clio Cemetery, near Jenkins, MO, with Rev. Rick Bushnell officiating. Arrangements were under the direction of the Mason-Woodard Mortuary of Joplin, MO. Memorial contributions are requested to the College Heights Christian Church.

The Patrol family extends its heartfelt condolences to the Center family.

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## Say Cheese!

Note to members: When you are promoted, please remember to have a new portrait taken by GHQ Photographer Brenda J. Schmitz, Q/PIED. It is important that your photo file contain a current portrait. You can set up an appointment by calling the Photo Lab at 573-526-6277.

# ~ Thank You ~

On behalf of my family, I would like to thank everyone for the cards, prayers, and expressions of sympathy after the death of my father-in-law, Gary Ward. Your kindness meant a lot to my family during a difficult time.

*Chief Tech. Warren D. Reynolds,  
Q/CommD*



Our family would like to express our deep gratitude to each of you for your thoughts, prayers, and expressions of sympathy, attendance at the visitation, and presence at the funeral following the loss of my father-in-law/grandfather, Paul E. Ferguson, in May. Your thoughtfulness will be remembered always by our family.

Thank you.

*CITS II Pamela E. Ferguson,*

*Q/ISD*

*Info. Analyst II Melissa B. Oliver,*

*Q/DDCC*



Our family cannot express enough gratitude for the cards, letters, flowers, memorial donations, and kind words delivered on behalf of Gary ("Ike") Eickholt. We were especially thankful for the incredible support shown at his visitation and funeral in April. The Patrol has always been a supportive part of our lives and Gary's memory truly was honored by your actions.

*With sincere thanks,*

*Mrs. Shirley Eickholt and family*



Debbie, Christopher, and I would like to express our heartfelt gratitude for all of the thoughtful prayers, acts of kindness, and sympathy cards provided by Patrol employees following the recent loss of Debbie's mother.

*Sincerely,*

*Capt. Robert P. Stieffermann,*

*Q/PSD*

I would like to thank everyone for the prayers, support, phone calls, plants, and cards during the recent illness and death of my brother, Marvin. I would also like to thank those who attended the visitation and funeral. It meant very much to me and my family. Your thoughtfulness and support is greatly appreciated and will always be remembered. It is truly wonderful to be a part of the Patrol family and work with such caring people. May God bless each of you!

*Spec. Asst. Theresa M. Backes,  
Q/HRD*



Thank you for your overwhelming support with all your cards, e-mails, phone calls, visits, prayers, and donations during Taylor's illness and passing. Taylor considered it his honor to work for the Missouri State Highway Patrol and he had such great respect

for everyone there. Words cannot possibly express how deeply grateful and touched my family and I were by the honor shown him with your presence and all that you did to make his visitation and service so special. Your continued support for me and our children help us through each day. We are truly blessed to be a part of the wonderful Patrol family. May God bless each of you!

*Mrs. Barbara Hunt*



My family and I would like to thank everyone for the cards, prayers, and outpouring of support following the loss of my grandfather. I would also like to thank those who attended the funeral. My family was and continues to be impressed by the caring shown by our Patrol family. I am thankful to be a part of such a great organization. Thank You.

*Tpr. Christopher D. Hamlett,  
Troop E*

## Sympathy

*Our deepest sympathy goes to the following personnel who have lost a member of their family:*

Cpl. Michael S. Belshe (H) –  
grandmother

Chief Tech. Warren D. Reynolds  
(Q/CommD) – father-in-law

Sgt. Ryan A. Burckhardt (C) – father  
CITS II Pamela E. Ferguson  
(Q/ISD) – father-in-law

Info. Analyst II Melissa B. Oliver  
(Q/DDCC) - grandfather

Tpr. Christopher D. Hamlett (E) –  
grandfather

DE III Melanie R. Fitzpatrick (F) –  
grandmother

Sgt. Gilbert L. Rodenberg (A) –  
brother

Cpl. Norman E. Rodenberg (A) –  
brother

Ret. Sgt. Lonnie L. Hickman – father  
Chief Oper. Vinita K. Williams (G) –  
brother

Capt. Robert P. Stieffermann  
(Q/PSD) – mother-in-law

Ret. DE Sprv. B. Tom Harrison –  
mother-in-law

Ret. Sgt. Ray L. Stufflebean –  
mother-in-law

Sgt. Richard E. Buttram (F) –  
stepfather

Lt. Eric T. Olson (B) – mother-in-law

Lt. Col. Richard L. Coffey (Q/Staff) –  
mother

Comm. Tech. II Bradley W. Coffey  
(CommD) - grandmother

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## 40th Cadet Academy: Chaos Turns To Growth

By Ethan B. Mueller, Patrol Cadet Academy

On June 21, 2009, 39 individuals from ages 16 to 18 reported from all across the state to the Missouri State Law Enforcement Academy located in Jefferson City. Upon arrival, each person was assigned to their dorm room and given a chance to meet their roommate. The quiet, calm atmosphere of the dorms would not last for long, and the 39 complete strangers soon realized how quickly they would have to become a team. Once issued our uniforms and instructed on how to properly clean our rooms, the chaos broke out.

"If you're on time, you're late," were the words of Corporal Les Thurston, Q/TND.

The class was given what seemed like unreal deadlines, such as showering, shaving, dressing, and reporting in formation within five minutes. Everywhere we went, we went together. Everything we did, we did together. If one person was late, we were all late. We could no longer use first person pronouns such as I, me, or my. It was now "this Cadet" or "Cadet Mueller". After failing multiple times while trying to correctly enter the cafeteria, the class was almost afraid to talk over dinner. When the long day finally came to an end, the class tried to get some rest. Little did we know the peaceful sleep would not last.

In the early hours of Monday morning, we were awakened by a surprise fire drill, and immediately started our day. The class started each day participating in physical training and ended each day with more physical training. Monday was a day of



(front row, center) Cpl. Les Thurston, Q/TND, stands with the 2009 American Legion Cadet Patrol Academy class. Cpl. Thurston helped coordinate this year's Cadet Patrol week at the Academy.

classes, including firearms safety, ethics and integrity, and nutrition and fitness. On Tuesday morning, we took a physical fitness test of push ups, sit ups, and a mile-and-a-half run. Exhausted from the test, Tuesday afternoon was filled with more classes, such as defensive tactics and accident investigation.

Getting closer to the end of the week, Wednesday was a day of hands-on activities, which were extremely enjoyable. The class took a trip out to the EVOC, and drove patrol cars around the track, through obstacles, and on a slick pit. The class also went down to the firearms range and shot the .40-caliber Glock 22. On Thursday, the class took a tour of Missouri's Capitol and Governor's Mansion. Then the class went to the aircraft hanger. We ended Thursday by relaxing that evening at a barbeque with the 89<sup>th</sup> Recruit Class, where we were allowed to wear our civilian clothes and play games.

The ceremony was held at 11 a.m., on Friday. It was the first time we had seen our families and friends since they dropped us off on Sunday. Our class was one of the only two Cadet Patrol Academy classes to finish

with the same number of people it started with.

I believe I can speak for the entire class when I say that I will never forget the memories that were made at the Academy, or the people I was lucky enough to share them with. I will never forget the members of the Missouri State Highway Patrol and American Legion Post who helped out through the week and made this possible.

On behalf of the entire class: Thank you from the bottom of my heart. Through this program, I have built friendships that I know will last a lifetime and learned more about what kind of person I want to be. No matter what career members of this class decide to pursue, I know that this experience will help them throughout their life. I hope that I am lucky enough to return to the Patrol one day in a future recruit class. "Class of 40's got the skills, bring on the drills!"

(Editor's Note: Thank you, Ethan, for writing this article! Ethan is the son of DDCC Sgt. Kurt E. and Mrs. Deidre L. Mueller.)